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SUBJECT: HELPFUL GESTURE TO SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. THE SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY HAS FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS BEEN KNOWN AS HOPELESS IN THE FIELD OF REFERENCES, ARCHIVES AND ATTENDANT FOLLOW-UP. SAUD AL FAISAL, NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (I.E. VIRTUALLY HIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN MINISTER) IS A YOUNG, AMERICAN EDUCATED SON OF THE LATE KING FAISAL. AMONG HIS FIRST ASTUTE OBSERVATIONS ON ASSUMING THE POST WAS AN EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE AT THE FACT THAT HIS MINISTRY HAS NOT AND NEVER DID HAVE A REFERENCE LIBRARY WORTH A DIME.

2. THE EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT WITH THE KIND OF FRESH OUTLOOK THE PRINCE BRINGS WITH HIM HE WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME A TANGIBLE US GESTURE (AS EXPLAINED HEREUNDER) IN HELPING HIM BEGIN TO FILL AN ACKNOWLEDGED REQUIREMENT FOR CONDUCTING DIPLOMACY.

THE AMBASSADOR SEEKS CONFIRMATION FROM THE DEPT AND USIA THAT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS CAN BE MET, BEFORE DISCUSSING THEM, MUCH LESS PROMISING THEM, TO PRINCE SAUD:

(A) HAS USG OFFERED, OR FAVORABLY RESPONDED TO REQUESTS FOR THIS TYPE OF FACILITY BEFORE TO ANY COUNTRY? IF SO,
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THIS EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A LIST OF BASIC REFER-

ENCES, MANUALS, MAPS, ETC. WHICH COULD BE INCLUDED IN
SUCH A US PRESENTATION.

(B) WOULD AN EXPERT LIBRARIAN (PREFERABLY AMERICAN, BUT
AN AMERICAN SPECIALIZED ARAB WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE) BE
DETAILED ON TDY TO JIDDA TO DETERMINE THE LIBRARY NEEDS,
AND THE FEASIBILITY OF OUR RESPONSE. A LONGER TDY WOULD
ENABLE HIM TO TRAIN SAUDIS IN LIBRARIANSHIP AND SUPERVISE
THE SETTING UP OF THE LIBRARY.

(C) WOULD THE USIA SELECT ARABIC REFERENCES AND OTHER
MATERIAL TO SUPPLEMENT THE ENGLISH COMPONENTS OF THIS EFFORT?
IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EMBASSY IS NOT EXCLUDING
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